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Natchez, Mississippi

HNF annual meeting set for January 25



The Historic Natchez Foundation invites the public to attend its 2007 Annual Meeting at the Carriage House Restaurant on the grounds of Stanton Hall on Thursday, January 25.

The meeting will begin with a cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. honoring Julia Marks Young, Director, Archives & Library Division, Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History.

A short business meeting will follow the reception to elect officers and new board

members, recognize departing board members, and make award presentations (see page 4).

The program will feature David Preziosi, Director of the Mississippi Heritage Trust and former city planner of the City of Natchez. David will present an illustrated program on the impact of Hurricane Katrina on historic resources of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

During the first days following Katrina, David escorted photographers and

reporters from the *New York Times* from Jackson to the Gulf Coast.

Using the images he took on that first trip and on many subsequent trips, David has made presentations throughout the country to heighten awareness and raise money to preserve the Gulf Coast's remaining historic resources.

The meeting is open to the public and reservations are not necessary to attend. People interested in joining the Foundation may join at the meeting.



Spencer Holder will receive an award for his exemplary restoration of 3 East Franklin Street at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Historic Natchez Foundation. Stylistically, the two-story frame residence dates to ca. 1880. Sanborn Insurance Maps document that the house first appeared on its Franklin St. location between 1910 and 1925. Other award recipients are listed on page 4.

Historic Natchez Conference set for Feb. 6-11 at Eola Hotel

The theme of the 2007 Historic Natchez Conference is "Never Past: History and Memory in the Old Natchez District."

Recognized scholars, archivists, students, and the general public will focus on the role of memory in shaping the history of numerous topics including Native American culture, the planter aristocracy, slavery, Reconstruction, Jewish culture, and Civil Rights.

The conference also highlights the role of archival collections in researching and interpreting the history of the

American South.

This year's conference includes a pre-conference workshop on disaster preparedness sponsored by the National Park Service, Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative.

Free events include the pre-conference workshop, lectures, opening reception at the Eola Hotel, reception at Temple B'Nai Israel, special events in historic buildings, and tours of historic cemeteries, archeological sites, and camellia gardens.

The conference fosters and promotes the study, preservation, and appreciation of the

Natchez region by providing a forum for established scholars, graduate students, archivists, and the general public to share research, resources, and ideas.

The full conference program, which is available at the Foundation office and the Natchez Visitors Center, is reproduced on pages 3 and 4 and is also available on the Foundation website at www.natchez.org. No reservations are required for free lectures and events, and reservations for ticketed events may be made on-line or by calling the Foundation office.

Never Past:
History and Memory
in the
Old Natchez District
February 6 - 11, 2007
Natchez Eola Hotel

THE PROGRAM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
Pre-conference Workshop:
Preserving the Past

A Disaster Preparedness Workshop sponsored by the National Park Service, Lower Mississippi Delta Region Initiative

11:00 a.m. Registration, Eola Hotel lobby

1:00 p.m. Welcome. Eola Hotel Ballroom. Kathleen Jenkins, Natchez National Historical Park; Paul Hartwig, National Park Service, Southeast Region

Session 1. *Firm Foundations: Architectural Readiness.* Moderator: David Preziosi, Mississippi Heritage Trust

Documenting Historic Buildings. Brian Robinson, Savannah College of Art and Design

Preparing Historic Buildings. Kirk Cordell, National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, National Park Service

2:30 p.m. Break



3:00 p.m. Session 1 continues.

Fire Prevention/Building Codes. Marilyn Kaplan, Preservation Architecture, Albany, New York

Case Studies and Lessons Learned from Disaster Response. Steve Kelley, WJE—Engineers, Architects, Materials Scientists, Chicago, Illinois

Panel Discussion: Hindsight 20/20. Ken P’Pool, Mississippi Department of Archives and History; Larry Albert, Albert and Associates, Architects, Hattiesburg, and speakers already listed

6:00 p.m. *Architectural Re-past—Cocktail Buffet at Elms Court* (ticketed event - \$20)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 a.m. Registration for Conference, Eola Hotel lobby

9:00 a.m. Pre-Conference Workshop Continues



Session 2. *Material Memories: Protecting the Collections.* Moderator: Julia Young, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Preparing Emergency Plans and Risk Assessment. Carol Ash, Southeast Regional Office, National Park Service

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Session 2 continues

Panel Discussion: Triumphs and Tragedies. Kathy Lang, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, NPS; Michelle Fidler, Southeast Regional Office, NPS; Nan Prince, Mississippi Department of Archives and History; Brenda Gunn, University of Texas at Austin

HISTORIC NATCHEZ CONFERENCE BEGINS

All presentations will be in the ballroom of the Eola Hotel, except for the Thursday evening session to be held at Temple B’Nai Israel.

2:00 p.m. Session # 1 (Student Session) *Recalling Conflict and Contention in Early Natchez.* Moderator: Tara Laver, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collection, Louisiana State University

Battle for Hegemony at Forts San Gabriel and San Luis de Natchez, 1765-1770. Todd Bourque, Louisiana State University

Remembering the Trespassers: Debtors and Creditors in Natchez, ca. 1820. Elbra David, California State University, Northridge

Economic and Political Tensions in 1830s Mississippi: River Counties Versus Interior Counties. Sam B. Todd, Louisiana State University

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Session 2 (Student Session) *Inherited and Constructed Memory.* Moderator: Joyce Broussard, California State University, Northridge

Prince Ibrahima and the Mississippi Colonization Society. Dawn Dennis, Claremont Graduate University

All that a Family Ought to be: The Dumas Family of Natchez. Sharon Rosen, California State University, Northridge

From Rags to Riches: The Krouse Family—The First Generation. Sylvia Plotkins, California State University, Northridge

5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception: Eola Hotel. Free event, sponsored by Alex Alston, Jr. , Jackson, and Sandra Kramer, New Orleans

7:00 p.m. Welcome: Natchez Mayor Phillip West; Historic Natchez Foundation President Darryl Grennell; Natchez National Historical Park Superintendent Kathleen Jenkins; Mississippi Department of Archives and History Director H. T. Holmes

7:15 p.m. Session #3: *Contesting the Past.* Moderator: Faye Phillips, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collection, Louisiana State University

Whose Past? Whose Memory? Contests Over the South’s History. Fitzhugh Brundage, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

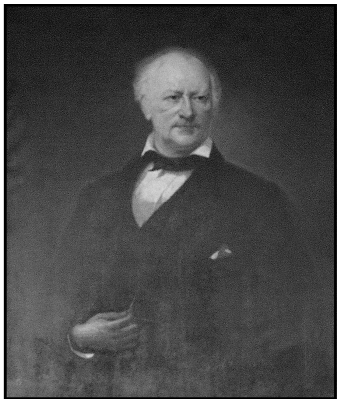
9:00 a.m. Session #4: *Comparative and Selective Memories: A Tale of Two Southern Cities.* Moderator: To Be Determined.

Where the Old South Still Lives”: The Natchez Pilgrimage as a Site of Southern Memory. Steven Hoelscher, University of Texas, Austin

Memory Matters: Personal and Public Heritage in Charleston. Stephanie Yuhl, College of the Holy Cross

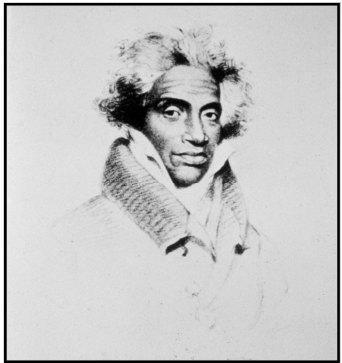
10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Session 5 *Antebellum Spectrum of Remembrance.* Moderator: William K. Scarborough, University of Southern Mississippi



Myth and Reality: Confronting the Historical Memory of Stephen Duncan. Martha Jane Brazy, University of South Alabama

“Prince” Ibrahima and the Roots of African American Identity in Natchez. Timothy Buckner, Troy University



2:30 p.m. Session #6: (Mini Session) *Biographical Inquiries: Three Centuries of Natchez Remembered.* Moderator: To Be Determined.

Preserving Good Order: John Girault of Natchez, Mississippi, 1783-1813. Marika Pineda, University of Washington

George Winchester: A Capitalist Among Natchez Planter Elites. Michael Ward, Claremont Graduate University

A Most Remarkable Son of Natchez, Dr. J. N. Rucker (1892-1970). W. Douglas Fisher, Bethesda, Maryland

6:00 p.m. **Session #7: Temple B'nai Israel. Remembering and Memorializing Jewish Natchez.** Moderator: Greg O'Brien, University of Southern Mississippi

"A rare unity of interest:" the Jewish Community in Nineteenth-century Natchez. Teri Tillman,



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Preserving the History and Memory of Temple B'nai Israel and the Jewish South. Stuart Rockoff, Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life

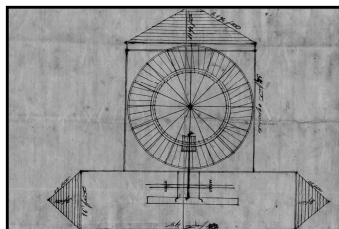
7:30 p.m. **Reception at Temple B'nai Israel. Free event. Honoring the members of Temple B'nai Israel and the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 a.m. **Session #8: Recovered Memory: Archival History in the Natchez Trace Collection and Adams County Courthouse Records.** Moderator: Anne Lipscomb Webster, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Patent Medicine in the Old Natchez District. Brenda Gunn, University of Texas, Austin

Processing History Case by Case: The Adams County Courthouse Records Project. Edward C. Esau, University of California, Riverside and Historic Natchez Foundation



10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. **Session 9: The Burden of History: Repression and Retrospection.** Moderator: Ronald L. F. Davis, California State University, Northridge

"The Great White Revolution:" The White Leagues of Mississippi and Louisiana in the Late Reconstruction South. Mitchell Snay, Denison University

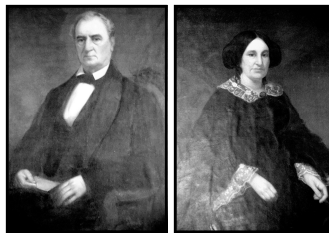
The Measure of our Days: Racial Reconciliation in Mississippi. Governor William Winter, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

2:30 p.m. **Session #10: (Mini Session) Constructing Memory: Collective and Ethnic Perspectives.** Moderator: Jim Barnett, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

The Natchez Revolt: An Ethnohistorical Perspective. Jill Childress, University of Southern Mississippi

What's in a Name? Constructing Slave Cultural Identity in Natchez. Jaime Boler, University of Southern Mississippi

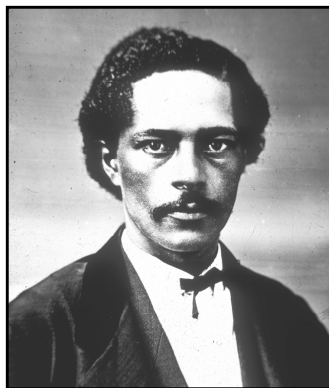
Natchez Post-Bellum Merchants: A New Kind of Planter. Aaron Anderson, University of Southern Mississippi



7:00 p.m. **Cocktail Buffet at Stanton Hall (ticketed event-\$25) Remembering and Honoring the Stantons**

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

9:00 a.m. **Session #11: Reconstructing History: the African American Experience.** Laura Clark Brown, Southern Historical and Folklife Collections, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



John R. Lynch and the Memory of Reconstruction. Justin Behrend, Mount Holyoke

The Davises and Montgomeries. Matthew Holden, University of Virginia

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. **Session #12: Not Forgotten and Not Really Gone: the Natchez Diaspora.** Moderator: Vincas Steponas, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Natchez Among the Chickasaw. John O'Hear, Mississippi State University and Brad Lieb, University of Alabama

The Natchez Among the Cherokee. Brett H. Riggs, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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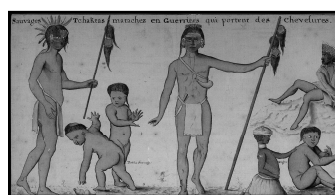
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Southern Historical and Folklife Collections, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of Southern Mississippi

The Natchez Among the Catawba. R. P. Stephen Davis, Jr., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



12:30 p.m. **Lunch at the Carriage House (ticketed event-\$20) - "Remember the Alamo:" Historical Revelation and Revision and a few Natchez Connections.**

How Did Davy Die? The Continuing Saga of the Alamo "Diary of José Enrique de la Peña." Don Carleton, Center for American History, University of Texas, Austin



7:00 p.m. **Cocktail Buffet at Longwood (ticketed event-\$25) Remembering and honoring the Nutts & the Rouths**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

11:00 a.m. **Brunch at Magnolia Hall (ticketed event-\$20) Remembering and honoring the Hendersons**

CONFERENCE EXHIBIT— Eola Hotel: *A Gentleman of Fine Talents and Extensive Experience: Thomas Affleck of Washington, Mississippi*, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collection, Louisiana State University

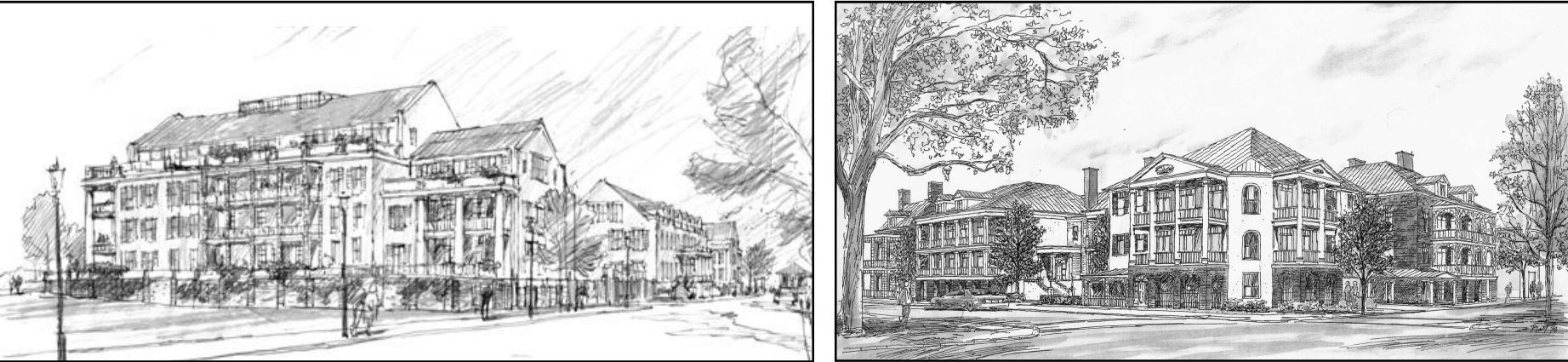
OPTIONAL CONFERENCE TOURS—Free to Conference Participants

Friday, February 9
2:00—5:00 p.m. **Cemetery Tour—**City Cemetery, Routh Cemetery, and Longwood Cemetery

Saturday, February 10
2:00 —4:30 p.m. **Camellia Tour—**Historic gardens

2:00 —5:00 p.m. **Archaeological Discovery—Map Study and Site Tours**

For more information, contact Ron Miller, Ruthie Coy, or Patricia Catchings at the Historic Natchez Foundation. Phone 601.442.2500 or 800.445.2510. You can register on line at www.Natchez.org.



Foundation influences condo design

The Historic Natchez Foundation has twice hired consulting architects to work with developers seeking to build condominium projects in the downtown historic district.

In both instances, the design of the proposed condominiums generated controversy, and the Foundation hired architects skilled at designing new buildings to relate to a historic context.

The illustration on the far left is a portion of a developer's proposed design for condos on the bluff, and the drawing above left shows the condo as redesigned by the Foundation's architects. The drawing above right represents the Foundation's redesign of a condo proposed for S. Broadway St. in the 1990s.

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Lane Feltus — 509-513 Franklin St.
Gary and Carolyn Guido — 423 S. Canal St.
Spencer Holder — 3 East Franklin St.
Doug and Karry Hosford — 312 Main St.
Michael Norell and Douglas Scharmann – 501 Madison St.
Randy and Ann Tillman — 508 Franklin St.

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